



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Schmeichel, et al.

Application No.: 09/930,680

Filed: August 14, 2001

Title: TONNEAU COVER END PLATE
SECURING MECHANISM HAVING
A RADIAL ENGAGING SURFACE

Attorney Docket No.: A20-009-01-US

Group Art Unit:
3612

Examiner: Chenevert, Paul

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002 for the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawings

A proposed drawing correction is provided along with a copy of the original drawings in which the proposed drawing corrections have been marked in red. If the proposed drawing correction is approved, new formal drawings will be provided. The Examiner's consideration in this regard is respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Under Small Entity Status

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18	MINUS	16	0	\$9	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	3	1	\$42	\$ 42.00

X Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of **July 16, 2002** to and through **January 16, 2003**, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

 one month (\$55)

X three months (\$465)

 two months (\$205)

 four months (\$725)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

X Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been claimed.

X A Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney by Applicant is enclosed.

X An Information Disclosure Statement and fee in the amount of **\$180.00**, as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), are enclosed.

X A check in the amount of **\$465.00** in payment of the three-month extension is attached.

X Please charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account **13-4300**

January 15, 2003
Date

Robert C. Freed
Robert C. Freed, Reg. No. 32,569

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.10)

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Date of Deposit: **January 15, 2003**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail" Service under 37 CFR 1.10, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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